

Biographical Notes:

Ted Parkhurst

- * Michigan native, came to Arkansas in 1966 to enroll in Harding College (now Harding University)
- * Worked during his 20s as a janitor, advertising copywriter, personnel manager of a meat packing plant in Little Rock
- * Began publishing when his rural Michigan high school administration burned the school literary magazine. Ted and a friend published the same material a few months later as a book, having pre-sold copies through community-wide subscription.
- * Founded August House Publishers in 1979 with social worker and poet, Jon Looney (native of Trumann, AR). Lead August House first into publishing of American folklore, then publishing of professional storytellers from coast to coast. Sold August House in 2005 to an Atlanta group.
- * Now president of Parkhurst Brothers, Inc., Publishers of Little Rock. Twenty titles in print and fifteen new titles projected for 2012.
- * Twice named distinguished alum of UALR: once by the alumni association and once by the College of Arts and Social Sciences
- * Currently serves as chairman of the board of the National Storytelling Network, the membership association of professional and aspiring storytellers in the USA. Former chair of the board of the University History Institute of Little Rock. Avid American Red Cross blood donor (working on his 14th gallon).